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Subscribers who do not get their paper are requested to call 195. The News wants every person in Palatka to get a paper every day and we will use every effort to see that it is delivered.

SOUTH FOR THE NEGRO.

Lyman D. Hall, principal of the Southern Industrial Institute at Camp Hill, Ala., an institution of learning for colored people, draws a very clear picture of the reasons why the negroes who flocked to the north in recent years are now turning back to the south.

Writing in the Philadelphia Ledger he said that he recently encountered an old acquaintance on a Pullman car, who was anxious to talk about his experiences after he left Alabama. He had earned more but it cost him more to live, and his savings accumulated in Alabama had been gradually dissipated. He wrote:

"Of course he complained about excessive prices of all commodities, but what he complained most about was the great difficulty in finding work. Only relatively few positions are open to the colored man in Chicago, while in the South nearly every sort of opportunity, industrially, awaits him. He complained also of the attitude of many white men in the North toward the colored man—nothing that was really tangible and yet an influence so subtle and all-pervasive that every colored man feels it.

"This young porter has traveled extensively, and he told me that wherever the negro is found in large numbers there is the same question of segregation, etc., as we find in the South, with this difference, that it seems more bitter North than South, because he has been led to expect different treatment in the North. It is almost impossible to find a single town where any colored man is received on perfect equality with white men, and this porter told me that he and many others are coming South again as soon as they can.

"Some years ago, in the city of Boston, I met one day a bright young colored man, I believe a Harvard graduate, who was engaged in a worthy enterprise and had desk room in one of the poorer office buildings near Seckley Square. This young man, highly educated, was full of hatred against the South and had no words to express his disapproval of Booker Washington. I tried to tell him that he did not know the South. But the curious and really memorable thing about this meeting was that the young man told me that he was about to be compelled to move his desk to some other building, and the reason was that he was a negro. I then suggested two or three great office buildings where I had seen 'To rent' signs displayed. He replied promptly: 'Not on your life—not to a negro!' The young man assured me that there was not one single office building among the modern structures that would rent him even desk room, much less an office."

These observations, coming from one of the colored race are particularly pertinent at this time when there are so many idle negroes in the north and so much need for their services in the south.

There has been a heavy exodus of colored residents from Illinois, Ohio and Indiana in the last few months, according to statistics from the government labor bureau, the trend being southward where the negro has lived so long and where all of his natural environments seems to be.

THE THREE FACTORS.

The report of General Pershing to Secretary Baker on how the American army in France helped to win the war is a thrice told tale, that, however, cannot be told too often. While most are familiar in a general way with what he has set out, the retelling cannot but lead to a deep sense of natural pride in that he makes it clear that it was America and Americans that did save the Allies when things were darkest. Even those who like to enjoy the patriotic satisfaction of holding that we "won the war" can find many features of General Pershing's strategic and tactical discussion that will justify their opinion. But, above all, the broad conclusions of General Pershing, when he comes to lay down the reasons for our success, are of the most inspiring character. For in his general "appreciation" of those who fought with him he is very decided, after mentioning the "splendid ability, loyalty and efficiency that characterized the service of both combatant and noncombatant individuals and organizations," in pointing out that the most striking quality of both officers and men was the resourcefulness, energy and common sense employed under all circumstances in handling their problems." Appropriation from Sir Hubert is praise indeed. Most Americans had hoped that along with our idealism resourcefulness, energy and common sense would be viewed as cardinal American virtues by an unbiased observer. That General Pershing found those virtues were the determining factors so far as our troops went is no small thing, and the lesson of his conclusions must be obvious to all.

Jess Willard has been indicted on a charge of profiteering in cord wood. We believed that Jess should have been arrested long before for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Lieutenant Maynard, who was heralded as a hero for his trans-continental flight, has been knocked from his pedestal. He was flying a little too high when he made general charges of ineptness against the army air service as reason for so many accidents. He charged that his statement had been altered, but the Anti-Saloon league has pulled his original copy on him, typewritten and accompanied by a signed letter. The Sky-pilot will now subside.

Science is turning its attention from war to farming—producing more from the ground. Great progress in food production from the same acreage next year is looked forward to by the Department of Agriculture, despite the shortage of labor, much of which is now loafing around in the centers of population. If science can also devise some method of making the idle work it will not be necessary to devise so many new plans for making the earth yield more abundantly.

We are in receipt of a very interesting volume published by Miss Carita Doggett, from the Drew Press, Jacksonville, on Dr. Andrew Turnbull and the New Smyrna Colony of Florida. Miss Doggett has, with evident pains and much industry, gathered together one of the most interesting bits of Florida history it has ever been our pleasure to review.

The compromise between the government and the Big Five was a victory for the retail and wholesale grocers, but we don't imagine that a combination as powerful as the packers are willing to give up their strangle hold on the public so easily. They will probably seek other channels.

The announcement that there is little probability of any railroad legislation by January 1, or that the roads will be turned back to the owners by that time brings one bit of satisfaction—just so long as the government has them they will at least continue to operate trains.

New York is looking forward to a lively New Year, despite the fact that there will be no hard stuff served at any of the Lobster Palaces. We imagine that the prices of the food served on that occasion will be sufficient to knock the revellers dizzy.

Bunnell should have a lively Christmas this year. According to a statement of an official from that community recently as much as eight car loads of whiskey has been seized passing through there in the last thirty days.

They're all wondering in Washington now, Democrats as well as Republicans. Both are afraid Mr. Wilson may agree to become the peoples' candidate again, whether the politicians want him or not.

The French say that they are sure Germany will start another war in a few years. Not if the Kaiser and all of his brood are put in a cool, dry place.

We see that Ellis Island gates are ajar. We hope its from the outside coming in.

WITH OTHER EDITORS.

"U.S. DEMOCRATS."

The Jacksonville Evening Metropolis says: "President Wilson says he will hold the Republican party responsible for delay in peace treaty proposition. Ain't that just like a Democrat?"

And why should not "us democrats" stand behind the President in this position? During the war democrats and republicans stood together for our country. Whatever war power was given to the President was given by consent of both the great political parties. Whatever expenses we incurred came from the votes, in congress, of both democrats and republicans. When the war ceased, we rejoiced alike. Woodrow Wilson was on every tongue.

Then the republican leaders began to realize the danger of going further in praise of Mr. Wilson. A presidential campaign was approaching and, instead of praise they began to criticize. That criticism became bitter. It is useless to say the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations is not now a party issue. The republican leaders have designed and made it so. There was nothing else for them to do. The clash of steel and roar of cannon have ceased and politics now holds sway. The republicans control both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Future legislation is in their hands.

If we are wise we will stand by the President and leave it to the republican party to settle things. They will bite off more than they can chew.

Let "us democrats" play critics awhile.

The glory of American achievement is Woodrow Wilson.—Gainesville Sun.

IS THERE STILL A DIXIE.

The Clearwater Sun facetiously remarks that the reason why we do not know "where we are at" is because "there is now no North, no South, no East, no West." We are glad that the country is solidly united again and hope that the bond of friendship between the sections may grow stronger each day, even though in some sections of the north the virus of sectional hatred still runs rampant, but to us there is and always will be a South. There may be no East, no West and no North, but there will always be a South—the South that George Bailey of the Houston Post, describes in the following beautiful words:

"Yes, there is still a Dixie. A Dixie in the hearts of some of us, and in that realm of the spirit, fancy may summon visions of the most beautiful of scenes, the loveliest of faces and days of cloudless blue! Dixie, the East to which those of us who stand on the rim of the fading day turn in devotion, while the shadows creep! Dixie, the Glory Land of the Past, the golden bourn of memory's silent hamples, the hallowed solitude in whose cool depths the lost chords of life breathe their music into the soul! Dixie, Love's Shadowland, peopled with the unfettered spirits of the noble and the great, redolent of memories that do not die, because they cluster about things immortal, templed with the dream-fabrics of a nation that drew from out God's boundless deep, and, after four years of romance, poetry and glory, turned against Home!"—Punta Gorda Herald.

AMUSEMENTS.

Vivian Martin Monday

That she is "the sweetest little girl in the movies," is a phrase that is gradually becoming linked with the name of Vivian Martin, who stars in Paramount pictures. Miss Martin's portrayals are always so unaffected that those who see her pictures might almost be said to be in love with her.

In her latest production, "The Home Girl," which will be shown at the Arcade Theater Monday next, Miss Martin plays the role of a quaint little New England girl, whose fidelity to the man she loved is as immovable as the mountain. It is the sort of role which has gained for her the great army of admirers of which she can, but does not, boast.

It is predicted that "The Home Town Girl" will rank among the best pictures of its class and it will be anxiously awaited by many screen patrons who delight in Miss Martin's splendid work.

Great Bill at Arcade

One of the strongest bills presented at the Arcade in a long while will be that of today when William S. Hart in "Branding Broadway" is presented. No less attractive to the program is a deluxe production by Mack Sennett of "East Lynne, With Variations." This is a screamingly funny picture with all the Sennett stars, Chester Conklin, Ford Sterling, Ben Turpin, Aleck Lynn and others, including the beauty bathing girls.

TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY.

Schools Will Not Resume Until January 5 in Palatka.

School children will enjoy a two weeks holiday this Christmas, yesterday being the last session until January 5, when the schools of the city and county will resume.

Principal W. H. Cassels, accompanied by Mrs. Cassels, left yesterday morning for Plant City where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

IN THE CHURCHES.

First Baptist Church.

Services at the First Baptist church on Sunday as follows:
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School, H. M. Fearnside, Supt., E. H. Collier Assistant.
10:45 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Preaching.

Theme for the morning hour will be, "The Birth of Christ."
Theme for evening service "Heroic Measures in Desperate Cases."
6:15 p. m.—Meeting of the B. Y. P. U., Mrs. E. H. Collier, presiding.
Wednesday Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Bible study and devotional.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

J. F. Savell, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Donald MacQueen, Minister.
Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subjects morning "The Faith of the Shepherd's"; Evening, "Poor that others might be Rich."
Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m., Mr. Fred Merrill, Supt.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

All not otherwise engaged are cordially invited to worship with us.

St. James Methodist Church.

Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Everybody invited to attend all of these services.

H. DUTILL, Pastor.
Sunday Services St. Marks Church.
7:30 Holy Communion.
9:30 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon.

A most cordial invitation to every one to worship with us. The music by a boys and men's choir.
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FEE TO BATTLEFIELDS.

PARIS, Dec. 20—The French Government is considering charging admission fees to tourists desiring to visit the various battlefields in France, it was stated today. Financial experts are said to have figured out that the revenue from this source for one year would practically equalize the loss incurred by the fall of the franc on the exchange.

Makeshift, as It Were.

A strange family had recently moved into the neighborhood. Robert had made the acquaintance of the small son and had learned from him that the man was only the boy's stepfather, and, in explanation to me, Robert said: "It ain't James' own daddy, mamma; he's just a second-hand one."—Chicago Tribune.